

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

STRUCTURED PRE-FORM BODIES FOR SOUND ABSORPTION

the specification of which

is attached hereto, or

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(if applicable).

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